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 Producing On-Demand Semi-Solid )  
 Material for Castings )

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REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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Sir:

Applicant's attorney requests that the date for responding to the Office Action dated September 20, 2001 be extended three months to and including **March 20, 2002**.

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